

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER Thirty-Nine

TO: ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS AND ALL PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DELAWARE STATE POLICE, AND ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.

RE: CONTINUATION OF THE TASK FORCE ON CORRECTIONS SECURITY

WHEREAS, by my Executive Order Number Twenty-Nine, approved on September 17, 1986, the Task Force on Corrections Security was established to evaluate the internal security of Delaware's prisons and to recommend any appropriate improvements designed to enhance that internal security; and

WHEREAS, as the result of an escape of four inmates from the Delaware Correctional Center on December 1, 1987, the responsibilities of the Task Force were enlarged to consider that incident, and the reporting deadline for the Task Force was extended; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 1986, the Task Force filed its Interim Report and Recommendations, and on February 4, 1987, the Task Force filed its Final Report; and

WHEREAS, taken together, the Task Force reports provide us with a detailed blueprint for restoring integrity to our prison security systems; and

WHEREAS, I am determined that the recommendations of the Corrections Security Task Force will be followed through to ensure their implementation to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Task Force recommendations will require a dedicated, deliberate effort over a long period of time on the part of corrections officials, the General Assembly and Governor, and others; and

WHEREAS, to aid in this effort, the Task Force recommends that its existence be extended by a new executive order for a period of one year, to help form and review the specific implementation plan and to monitor on a quarterly basis the progress in achieving the accepted recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby order and declare as follows:

1. The Governor's Task Force on Corrections Security is hereby continued.

2. The Task Force shall be responsible for assisting the Department of Corrections in formulating a plan of implementation of the Final Report of the Task Force, and for monitoring that implementation on a regular basis, and for reporting to the Governor and General Assembly on the progress being made in this effort.

3. The Task Force shall meet not less than quarterly over the next twelve months and shall publish progress reports following its meetings. The Task Force may designate one or more of its members to constitute an ad hoc subcommittee to meet more frequently and to work closely with appropriate staff to monitor the implementation effort.

4. The Task Force shall make itself available, either as a group or by way of a designated subcommittee, to work with the General Assembly on appropriate legislative initiatives required for implementation of the Task Force report. The Chairman of the Task Force, and any other members deemed appropriate, should be available to testify before the joint House and Senate Corrections Committee hearings now underway. In addition, the Task Force should be responsive to requests from agencies such as the Criminal Justice Council, the Sentencing Accountability Commission and the Advisory Council on Corrections, to inform them about the Task Force findings and recommendations and to assist them in taking appropriate responsive action.

5. Continued staffing of the Task Force shall be coordinated by the Criminal Justice Council and the Counsel to the Governor. The Commissioner of Corrections shall continue to ensure that the personnel and resources of the Department of Corrections will be available to assist the Task Force.

6. The Governor's Task Force on Corrections Security shall issue a final report to the Governor and General Assembly on March 1, 1988.



APPROVED this 5th day  
of February, 1987.

*Michael N. Castle*

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Governor

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Secretary of State